

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A system for providing a collaborative workspace for sharing data, comprising:
 - (i) a network-connected server capable of receiving an initiate instruction from a primary user, said server maintaining a hierarchy between said primary user and at least one secondary user;
 - (ii) a site builder for creating a dedicated site on said server in response to said initiate instruction, said dedicated site defining said collaborative workspace;
 - (iii) a transmitter for sending information about the existence of said dedicated site to said at least one secondary user nominated by said primary user;
 - (iv) a communicator for transmitting said shared data (a) between said dedicated site and said primary user and (b) between said dedicated site and said at least one secondary user, said shared data being shared through said dedicated site in accordance with said hierarchy between;
 - (v) memory for storing said shared data associated with said dedicated site, said shared data from said primary and said at least one secondary user; and
 - (vi) a processor for processing said stored data, said processed data being transmitted by said communicator to said primary user and said at least one secondary user.
2. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein said processed data is stored by said primary user and said at least one secondary user.
3. (Cancelled).

4. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said primary and said at least one secondary users communicate via a web-browser.
5. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said server contains an address database of communication addresses for said at least one secondary user connected to said network.
6. (Original) The system according to claim 5, wherein said network includes an internet connection.
7. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein said primary and said at least one secondary users accessing said network are assigned a unique personal workspace for providing said primary and said at least one secondary users with access to features of said network designated for said primary and said at least one secondary users.
8. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein a user is assigned a password enabling access to predefined sites within said server.
9. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the processor includes providing the primary user with a workgroup activity application.
10. (Original) The system according to claim 9, wherein said workgroup activity application is selected from the group comprising bulletin board, chat room, calendar, contact database, change control, event planner, group discussion, issue management, project collaboration, presentation library, decision survey in a box, NGS proposal development and document management.
11. (Original) The system according to claim 10, wherein said primary user is an advisor and said at least one secondary user is a client.

12. (Original) The system according to claim 11, wherein said bulletin board and document management includes recommended advice and research documents from said advisor.
13. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 12, wherein said chat room includes an on-line chat between said advisor and said client.
14. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a collaborative workspace for sharing data, comprising:
 - (i) a network-connected server capable of receiving an initiate instruction from a primary user, said server maintaining a hierarchy between said primary user and at least one secondary user;
 - (ii) a site builder for creating a dedicated site on said server in response to said initiate instruction, said dedicated site defining said collaborative workspace;
 - (iii) a transmitter for sending information about the existence of said dedicated site to said at least one secondary user nominated by said primary user;
 - (iv) a communicator for transmitting said shared data (a) between said dedicated site and said primary user and (b) between said dedicated site and said at least one secondary user, said shared data being shared through said dedicated site in accordance with said hierarchy between;
 - (v) memory for storing said shared data associated with said dedicated site, said shared data from said primary and said at least one secondary user;
 - (vi) a processor for processing said stored data, said processed data being transmitted by said communicator to said primary user and said at least one secondary user, wherein the processor includes providing the primary user with a workgroup activity application comprising a calendar and event planner, wherein said calendar and event planner include a list of tasks to be done and a list of upcoming events.

15. (Original) The system according to claim 12, wherein said group discussion includes a discussion between said advisor and said client.
16. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said transmitter is selected from the group comprising e-mail, a pop-up window, a telephone, and a facsimile.
17. (Previously Presented) A method for providing a collaborative workspace for sharing data, comprising:
 - (i) providing a network-connected server configured to upload and download said shared data;
 - (ii) receiving instructions uploaded from a first user and for creating a dedicated network site on said server, said dedicated network site having a unique name based on instructions received;
 - (iii) communicating the existence of said dedicated network site to a nominated second user;
 - (iv) downloading said shared data from said dedicated network site to said first and second users in accordance with a hierarchy between said users; and
 - (vi) storing data to be shared by said users in the dedicated network site.
18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein said shared data are downloaded to said first and second users via a web-browser.
19. (Currently Amended) A computer configured to operate a groupware application program for sharing data, the computer comprising:
 - (i) a network for connecting to at least a primary and a secondary user;
 - (ii) a site builder for receiving instructions input from said primary user and for creating a dedicated site within the computer based on said instructions;
 - (iii) a mailer for looking up an address of said secondary user from an address database;

- (iv) a communicator for communicating the existence of said dedicated site to said secondary user;
- (v) memory for storing said shared data at said dedicated site at the request of the primary and the secondary user in accordance with a hierarchy between said users; and
- (vi) a processor for processing said said shared data at the request of the primary and the secondary user.

20. (Currently Amended) A data carrier having thereon a computer program that implements a method for providing a collaborative workspace for sharing data, the method comprising:

- (i) facilitating communication between a server, a primary user and a secondary user;
- (ii) creating a dedicated site within the server based on instructions input from the primary user;
- (iii) looking up address of the secondary user from an address database;
- (iv) communicating the existence of the dedicated site to the secondary user;
- (v) storing said shared data at the dedicated site at the request of the primary and the secondary user in accordance with a hierarchy between said users; and
- (vi) processing the said shared data at the request of the primary and the secondary user.

21-66 (Cancelled)

67. (New) A system for providing a collaborative workspace for sharing data, comprising:

- (i) a network-connected web server capable of receiving an initiate instruction from a primary user, said web server maintaining a hierarchy between said primary user and at least one secondary user;
- (ii) a site builder for creating a dedicated site on said web server in response to said initiate instruction, said dedicated site defining said collaborative workspace;

- (iii) a transmitter responsive to said initiate instruction for sending information about the existence of said dedicated site to said at least one secondary user nominated by said primary user;
- (iv) a communicator for transmitting said shared data associated with said dedicated site (a) between said dedicated site and, said primary user and (b) between said dedicated site and said at least one secondary user, said shared data being shared through said dedicated site in accordance with said hierarchy between said users as said hierarchy is maintained by said web server;
- (v) memory for storing said shared data associated with said dedicated site, said stored data being from said primary and said at least one secondary user; and
- (vi) a processor configured to support the dedicated site for processing said stored data, said processed data being transmitted by said communicator to said primary user and said at least one secondary user.

68. (New) A system for providing a collaborative workspace for sharing data, comprising:

- (i) a network-connected Internet web server capable of receiving an initiate instruction transmitted over the Internet from a primary user, said web server maintaining a hierarchy between said primary user and at least one secondary user;
- (ii) a site builder associated with said web server for creating a dedicated site on said web server in response to said initiate instruction, said dedicated site defining said collaborative workspace in response to said instructions;
- (iii) a transmitter responsive to said initiate instruction for sending information about the existence of said dedicated site to said at least one secondary user nominated by said primary user;
- (iv) a communicator for transmitting said shared data associated with said dedicated site (a) between said dedicated site and, said primary user and (b) between said dedicated site and said at least one secondary

user, said shared data being shared through said dedicated site in accordance with said hierarchy between said users as said hierarchy is maintained by said web server;

- (v) memory for storing said shared data associated with said dedicated site, said stored data being from said primary and said at least one secondary user; and
- (vi) a processor configured to support the dedicated site for processing said stored data and maintaining accessibility to said stored data to said primary user and said secondary user on said dedicated site, said processed data being transmitted by said communicator to said primary user and said at least one secondary user, whereby sharing of said stored data is accomplished.